

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A lock for a vehicle having a door having an exterior surface and a fixed part proximate the door, the lock comprising a housing with a front wall and a rear wall, attached to the vehicle door with said rear wall proximate said exterior surface of said door; latch means comprising a hook, said latch means being mounted in said housing, for rotational movement about an axis, between a first rotational position, wherein said hook engages the part to secure the door in the closed position and a second rotational position wherein said hook is remote from the part such that the door can be opened; a latch rotation preventing member linearly moveable relative to said housing, in a direction substantially parallel to said axis of rotation of said latch means, between a forward position spaced from said rear wall of said housing, remote from the path of movement of said latch means and a rear position proximate to said rear wall of said housing, intersecting the path of said latch means, to retain said latch means in its said first rotational position; and means for biasing said member toward said rear position proximate said rear wall of said housing.
2. (currently amended) The lock of Claim 1 further comprising means for locking said member in said rear position proximate said rear wall of said housing.

3. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 2 wherein said locking means comprises a key actuated lock cylinder mounted for movement between a locked position and an unlocked position.
4. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 3 wherein said locking means further comprises a linkage part connected for movement with said lock cylinder and comprising a cam surface.
5. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 4 further comprising a cam on said member, in engagement with said cam surface.
6. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 5 wherein said cam surface comprises the rim of said linkage part.
7. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 6 wherein said linkage part comprises an axis and wherein said rim of said linkage part lies in a plane that is inclined relative to said linkage part axis.
8. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 4 wherein said linkage part comprises a recess into which said lock cylinder is at least partially received.
9. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 1 further comprising a handle accessible from the exterior of the housing and connected to rotate said latch means.
10. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 1 further comprising spring means connected between said latch means and said housing.
11. (currently amended) A lock for a vehicle having a door and a fixed part proximate the door, the lock comprising a housing attached to the vehicle door and having a front and a rear; latch means comprising a section, mounted

within said housing and rotatable about an axis extending between the front and rear of said housing, and a hook; a handle accessible from the said front of said housing and connected to rotate said section along a path between a first position, wherein said hook engages the part to secure the vehicle door in the closed position and a second position, wherein the hook is remote from the part such that the door can be opened; a key actuated lock cylinder mounted in said housing for movement between a locked position and an unlocked position; a member, operatively connected to said cylinder, linearly moveable relative to said housing in a direction substantially parallel to said axis about which said section rotates, between a forward position spaced from said rear of said housing, remote from said path, and a rear position proximate said rear of said housing, intersecting said path, as said cylinder moves between said unlocked position and said locked position, and means for biasing said member toward said rear position proximate said rear of said housing.

12. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 11 further comprising means operatively connecting said cylinder and said member.
13. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 12 wherein said connecting means comprises a linkage part connected for movement with said lock cylinder, a cam surface on said linkage part and a cam associated with said member, in operative engagement with said cam surface.
14. (currently amended) The lock of Claim 13 wherein said linkage part is rotatable about an axis and wherein said cam surface is situated in a plane is inclined relative to said linkage part axis.

15. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 14 wherein said linkage part has a recess into which said lock cylinder is at least partially received.
16. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 14 wherein said axis of said linkage part is substantially parallel to said axis about which said section rotates.
17. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 13 wherein said cam comprises a protrusion extending from said member.
18. (previously presented) The lock of Claim 17 wherein said member has an axis and wherein said protrusion extends in a direction generally perpendicular to said axis of said member.
19. (currently amended) The lock of Claim 11 further comprising spring means operatively connected between said ~~cover~~ housing and said latch means.